History

The History Department offers a wide range of courses that span from the pre-modern past to the contemporary era and geographically circle the globe. Courses build on a number of disciplinary vantage points and explore various themes, including cultural, economic, environmental, gender, global and transnational, Indigenous, intellectual, labour, legal, political, and religious history. In addition, students have the opportunity to undertake a variety of independent research, community projects, experiential learning, and internship opportunities. The emphasis on analysis, critical thinking, research, communication, and writing skills prepare history students for careers in law, education, public policy, business, museum and archives, publishing, research, and media.

Reasons to study History

- A History degree provides essential skills for a variety of career options, including education, law, policy, public service, media, and business.
- History offers a range of small-sized seminars, which allow students to interact with professors individually and provides an enriching learning experience.
- The range of courses spans the globe.
 History lecture and seminar courses cover every continent, and many courses examine the interconnected nature of human experience.
- History helps us to critically examine how the world we inhabit came to be.
- A history degree offers opportunities for innovative independent research projects and a number of real-world experiential learning and public history internships.

Alumni Story

"Studying in the Queen's History department taught me a number of great things, including that I know a small fraction of what there is to know, but that I have the capacity to learn a lot through discussion, analysis, and hard work."

- Christine Platt, BAH '07

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

32 % of alumni work in EDUCATION

of alumni work in GOVERNMENT &

of alumni work in LAW

of alumni work in BANKING,
INVESTMENT & INSURANCE

Our alumni also work in fields such as media, libraries and archives, management, museums, and as researchers and consultants for industry. Listen to our Alumni Archives Podcast to learn more.

2023-24 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the Experiential Learning website. You can also reach out to the team directly at asscel@queensu.ca.

Add a Certificate

Data Analytics

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Employment Relations

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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That is a degree from Queen's.

queensu.ca/history

2023-2024

COURSES

History MAJOR MAP

In first year you will have the chance to explore

the foundations of History along with some electives. Enrol in one or two first-year History courses of your choosing to meet prerequisites for History courses in years 2 and above.

Meet with an upper-year peer advisor (PATH) or contact the Department's Academic Advising

Team. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to

learn more about Plan options.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR

1ST YEAR

	Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!	Develop your entrepreneurial skills by participating in the <u>Dean's Changemaker</u> <u>Challenge (ASCX 200/300)</u> .	Courses
GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen's Debating Union (QDU) and Queen's International Affairs Association. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas. Consider getting involved with the History Department Student Council to help shape the experience of all History students at Queen's.	Look into summer jobs by visiting the department's Careers webpage or talking to Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study. Explore History's internship opportunities through HIST 212: Experiential Learning in Historical Practice. Consider taking more responsibility within different extracurriculars. Think about applying to positions in student services, the AMS, media outlets like the Queen's Journal, undergraduate journals like Living Histories, CFRC, and Studio Q.	If interestuden (USSRF) month and fou HIST 51 submit Underg Explore and appinterns
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CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY	Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, museums, and cultural studies groups, such as the AMS Social Issues Commission and the Kingston Museum of Healthcare. Check out Kingston Museums for more ideas.	Get involved with the <u>Department Student</u> <u>Council (DSC)</u> and attend <u>department events</u> to network with faculty and fellow students. Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as <u>Queen's Model Parliament</u> .	Do targ working the Lind Check c worksh
GET THINKING GLOBALLY	Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office. Consider taking History Courses at Bader College in England in the fall or winter term.	Build you involved or improved through Culture Look foopportuand lead areas the
GET READY			\geq
FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION	Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.	Explore different careers of interest in the Career Services Resource Area. For more information check out <u>Career Cruising</u> or by	Start fo educati interest

2ND YEAR

Centre for some help.

Dive deeper into the discipline of History by

completing the second-year foundational core

seminar course, while considering a minor to

Want to make sure your academic skills are

Academic Support Services) and the Writing

finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student

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How to use this map

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nterested, apply for an <u>Undergraduate</u> <u>Ident Summer Research Fellowship</u> <u>ISRF</u>). Consider applying to do a 12-16 inth <u>QUIP internship</u> between your third d fourth year. Consider applying for <u>IT 517: Independent Study Project</u> and omit your work at the <u>Inquiry @ Queen's dergraduate Conference</u>.

plore experiential learning opportunities d apply to the Department of History's ernships program.

targeted networking with alumni rking in careers of interest by joining LinkedIn group Queen's Connects. eck out Career Services networking rkshops.

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rt focusing on areas of interest. Research acation requirements for careers of erest. If needed, prepare to take any juired tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get p thinking about Grad School from Career vices or the Graduate History Office.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to <u>Graduate School</u> or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

Interested in working on a real-world problem with an actual client? Take ASCX 400 and develop your consulting and project-management skills.

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Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.

Consider completing an Independent Research Paper in History (HIST 514/515) and submit your work at the Inquiry @ Queen's Undergraduate Conference.

Publish your work with peer reviewed journals like Living Histories, The Observer, or Politicus.

Consider joining professional associations like the <u>Heritage Canada Association</u> and the <u>Canadian Historical Association</u> (CHA).

Become involved as a Peer Advisor in our Peer Advising Team in History (PATH).

International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.

Consider applying for an M.A. in History to specialize in fields such as Global History, Postcolonial and Decolonial Thought, and Environmental History.

Get involved with the Global History Initiative.

Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.

Apply in the fall for <u>SSHRC</u> and <u>OGS</u> scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

Apply for the Queen's Career Apprenticeship: Kingston (QCA:K).

What will I learn?

A degree in History can equip you with:

- Knowledge of a broad spectrum of historical events and trends
- Understanding of how historians study the past
- Knowledge of how political, social, economic, and cultural change occurs
- Understanding of the relationship between history and current events
- Oral and written communication to communicate ideas through writing and present research to a group
- Analytical skills to make judgments based on available historical evidence
- Research skills to synthesize large amounts of material and identify relevant information
- Attention to detail to analyze texts and historical arguments
- Problem solving to develop systematic procedures for investigating a problem
- Resource and time management

Where can I go?

A degree in History can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Anthropology
- Archival science
- Genealogical research
- Intelligence analysis
- Library science
- Museum curator
- Policy analyst
- Public administration
- Technical writing

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

History



Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources - our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the **Student Affairs** website for available resources.



ARTS AND SCIENCE

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QUIPQUEEN'S UNDERGRADUATE

START DATES

in May, September, or January

are paid and full-time

POSITIONS WORK TERMS

are 12-16 months long

PROGRAM **OVERVIEW**

- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9



- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds -Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive

versity closer than you think to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America - you will have London / 7 hrs CANADA Queen's the experience of a Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs - and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree that is globally Halifax / 2 hrs San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Kingston recognized Denver/3 hrs among New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Atlanta / 2 hrs Bermuda / 2 hrs